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FRIDAY, MARCH 23, 1906.

It begins to look as though Secretary Bonaparte intended to have a word to say about the conduct of the affairs at the naval academy. A hazing bill has been agreed upon by the Congressional committee sent to Annapolis to investigate discipline there. The bill provides for a graduated system of punishment for hazing, and empowers the secretary of the navy to dismiss midshipmen when he sees fit and makes it possible for him to have cases of hazing investigated by court-martial. The bill embodies most of the recommendations of Secretary Bonaparte and vests the whole responsibility for discipline at the academy in the secretary of the navy and superintendent of the academy.

The old time precedents of slugging matches are liable to receive solar plexus before Secretary Bonaparte finishes.

Boom the Electric Road.

The Vergennes Enterprise says editorially under the caption "Boom the Electric Road": "We urge the attendance of all those interested in the electric road project at the next meeting of the projectors in Orwell, April 5th. Interest in the proposed road is steadily growing but there are those in every town along the proposed route who do not hesitate to sneer at progress along this line and place obstacles across the path. It seems strange to most progressive citizens why such people, who because they cannot see any immediate financial return for them, do not hesitate to throw cold water on projects for public improvement. This condition of affairs has confronted the promoters of every public project since the world began and it probably will continue to block the wheels of progress to the end of time.

Although we cannot stop the talking of these fault-finders we can try to forget them and their public attitude and work harmoniously together for the noble object of all this agitation, the opening up of the "garden of Eden of Vermont" to trade, commerce and the summer visitor by means of an electric road. Let's keep plugging and never let up until it becomes an accomplished fact."

Keep plugging is a motto to tie to and may our Vergennes neighbors adhere to the advice that the Enterprise gives them. We need that electric road.

Killed Instantly.

Without a moment's warning Ernest W. Billings, eldest son of J. J. Billings and wife of Morrisville was killed Saturday morning in his mill in Belvidere.

Shortly after seven o'clock something got out of order with the drag saw used to cut up the clapboard logs and Mr. Billings went below the floor to fix the machinery. The man who operates the saw did not know Mr. Billings was there and started the machinery and he was caught by the arm of the machine and drawn against a post crushing the lower part of his skull. Death was almost instantaneous.

Horrible Death.

Edward R. Tinkham of Cabot, 45 years old, was instantly killed Tuesday afternoon while sawing wood at the home of A. W. Bolton on Cabot Plain.

Tinkham was seized with a fit and fell against a circular saw. His head was nearly severed from his body, one arm was cut off and the body was otherwise mangled. Death was instantaneous. He leaves a widow and two children.

Selling Water.

Few farmers realize how much actual water they exchange for cash when disposing of farm products. We sell a fatted calf; every 100 lbs of that live calf contains 63 lbs of water. Should this calf live to become a fat ox, he would be less moist, but would still contain 45 1/2 lbs of water for every 100 lbs of live weight. Indeed the chemists tell us that all of our farm animals, so far as their bodies have been analyzed yield over 50 per cent of water.

Turning to the vegetable kingdom the facts are even more startling, the liquid percentages being still greater. The cabbage turnip and luscious strawberry being nearly 9-10 pure water.

How wonderful the alchemy of nature! She transforms a few elements, which in themselves may be tasteless or even offensive, into aromatic and luscious fruits and vegetables; but she is powerless without the use of an abundance of water.

Now water is cheap, and when nature puts it into a marketable compound, we farmers can sell it. When milk brings \$1.00 per 100 lbs 87 cts. of that dollar is water money. One hundred tons of potatoes have wrapped up in their skins over 80 tons of water which we may sell with no great loss to our farms.

Could we tillers of the soil only go to our springs and sell the liquid bubbling up there at similar rates, would not our faces all wear a financial smile? True, indeed; but let a farmer mix water with his milk and sell it; by the time he was fined, the smile would vanish; but let nature do the mixing and all is well.

Right here is a practical lesson: sell what will least deplete the soil and most replenish the purse. Water products are of this kind. Grains remove too much nutriment from the soil to be sold and hay too for that matter and should, on general principles, be fed out on the farm.

All this is generally known by intelligent farmers, and yet it is well to have our minds refreshed by the repetition of important truths. Take the following illustrating fact, think it over, and see how much it means:

One ton of wheat removes from the soil approximately the value of \$10; one ton of butter 50 cts.

L. W. PER.

Mill Burned in Brookfield.

A fire in Brookfield Saturday afternoon destroyed the grist mill and house owned by George Crane. The fire caught near the engine room but the exact cause will never be known. There were no means of checking the fire and in a short time both mill and house were in ashes. The property was sold but a few days ago to Ira Keyes and Mr. Crane had not finished moving his goods from the place at the time of the fire. The property was very valuable and consisted of saw mill, grist mill, and dwelling house.

Vermont Morgans Go West.

E. H. Hoffman of Lyndonville, left March 12 for Seattle, Wash., taking with him six Morgan horses which he purchased in that section for J. W. Clise a banker and ranch owner. Two of the horses are by "Governor Fisk," the Bradley Ingalls horse, of Sheffield, one by "Bob Morgan," formerly on the Darling farm and three by "Billy Roberts," Hoffman's horse. One was bought of A. J. Giffin of Sheffield; one of Myron Gilson of Lyndon; two of Lute Frazier, of East Burke; one of Clarence B. Weeks of St. Johnsbury.

RIPTON.

George Gove's little daughter is quite sick. Moses Bushey of Rochester was in town on the 20th inst.

Will Dowdell of Granville was in town on business on the 16th inst.

Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Butler went to Granville, N. Y., on a visit on the 17th inst.

The storm of Monday last gave us four or five inches of snow to help piece out the sleighing.

A recent letter from the arid region of Utah informs us that there they are favored with sleighing.

Hon. Frank Partridge and two friends were in attendance at the church last Sunday, coming up on foot.

Phillip, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Sparks had an attack of what seemed to be paralysis a few days ago.

Roy Kirby and wife of Marengo, Iowa, are in town visiting friends and attended church on the 18th inst.

Ethics of Spending.

"The popular notion that the wasteful extravagance of the rich is a good thing for the community because it puts money into circulation, and that the spendthrift thus becomes a public benefactor is combated by Rev. Washington Gladden, who says, in a paper on "The Ethics of Luxurious Expenditure," that spending money is setting people at work, and that the spender always chooses what kind of work the people who receive his money shall be employed about. If that work is useful the community is benefited, but if injurious, the more money he puts in circulation the greater the damage to the community. He who spends money becomes a consumer of commodities and of services, and the reckless spendthrift, to a great extent, a consumer of services. If the services for which his money calls are those in the rendering of which men and women are ennobled he is a public benefactor, but if they are those by which men and women are corrupted and degraded he is a malefactor. The money that goes into circulation through the debauching of men and women had better be kept out of circulation. *** It is not the most common thing for a man to go suddenly down from millionairism to beggary without inflicting some serious moral injury on other people in the process. If he has spent a million dollars on reckless and sensual indulgences, he has done a vast amount of harm to the boon companions he has gathered about him, and to the multitude he has employed with his money, to minister to his appetites and follies. One million of dollars put where it will do the most harm, can do a vast amount of mischief in any community."

American Thrift.

We hear so much nowadays of popular extravagance and the corresponding decline of the good old habit of thrift, that evidence of our people giving thought against the rainy day is refreshing when it is encountered. And it is encountered much more frequently than most persons suppose. Take the recent report of the savings banks of the state of New York, for illustration, of popular prudence, and we find that these institutions at the close of business of the year 1905 had 2,569,799 accounts; and that their resources were \$1,405,890,904. This item showed an increase of \$193,000,000 in the year. There was one savings bank account to every three inhabitants of the state. The aggregate of deposits made during the year was \$391,750,58, an enormous sum testifying to the strength of the savings bank habit. Such figures are interesting and instructive at all times, but particularly so at present, when we are currently said to be living in an "era of high prices." They show that these prices are not inconsistent with savings by working people, who constitute the bulk of the depositors. As they are industrious workers and must be to accumulate spare cash, it seems evident that they cannot have denied themselves anything essential to their physical well-being. They must have economized in other directions, for every branch of trade has been busy supplying a widespread demand. The conclusion is that the mass of steady, sober, industrious workers save on a plan which carefully apportions expenditures to needs, and always keeps in view a margin of reserve for the savings bank.

Having tried palmistry, crystal gazing, Christian Science, bridge and party politics, London society is about to study Plato. A dozen or so leading women of the aristocracy, including the duchess of Sutherland and the duchess of Marlborough, have formed a committee to organize the philosophic movement and Dr. Emil Reich, the well-known historian, is to give a series of addresses at Claridge's hotel, to be followed by discussion in which the peeresses will take part. It is expected that this will be merely the prelude to the formation of philosophic circles in other grades of society and that the study of Plato will before long become an established feature of London.

When a nation reaches a certain stage in economic progress, if it is made of the right stuff, it begins to take thought for other things than money. The movement for civic beauty in the United States is an indication that this degree of national evolution has been attained in the United States.

Hancock, Tex., has a postmaster who is something of a political composite or nondescript. He was appointed by a Republican administration, is a county commissioner elected as a Democrat, a justice of the peace elected as an independent, and a school trustee for the precinct.

In view of the contemplated "speed war" between certain eastern railways it might be as well to remind them that, while the average traveler likes to reach the point he has started for as soon as possible, he also likes to reach it as an unbroken package.

We can't pronounce the Russian definition for war, but it's synonymous with Sherman's definition.

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Road Commissioners to Meet.

The Addison County meeting of road commissioners will be held in Middlebury Tuesday, Mar. 27. The Rutland County meeting will be Wednesday, Mar. 28, and Bennington County, Mar. 29, (Thursday). More time will be given this year to discussions by the town commissioners than in former years. Selectmen and others interested are invited to be present.

NORTH FERRISBURG.

The Ladies' Aid society met at the home of Mrs. Carlos Martin on Wednesday.

Miss Minnie Ayers has returned to the Martin house after a vacation of three weeks.

Miss Josephine Williams and Hudson Converse of Charlotte are guests at Carlos Martin's.

Miss Bertha and Howard Mallory spent Sunday at the home of their father, Charles Mallory.

Miss Inez Martin has returned from Montpelier, where she has been attending school at the Seminary.

Mrs. Lucinda Allen has returned to S. B. Martin's after a week's visit in Bristol, Middlebury and New Haven Mills.

While Joseph Stone was driving on the ice near the lake shore, opposite the Thorpe farm last week, the ice broke and his horse went under and was drowned before Mr. Stone could get assistance.

MONKTON RIDGE

H. Tatro has moved back to Charles Parth's.

Fred Haskell and wife go to Bristol the first of April, where he has employment at his trade.

Bert Hamner cut off one of his fingers and part of a thumb on a saw the other day, and G. Walston slashed off a piece of one of his.

Curtis Cram and brothers have moved from Lincoln to the large farm they have rented of Orvis Lawrence, occupied last year by Truman Burritt.

H. Vaselett has purchased the house opposite the old postoffice for \$1,000 and moved there. Henry Swett has moved to the house vacated and which he purchased for \$320.

Mr. Gravel and family have moved to O. Lawrence's vacant house and he has moved to the place he bought of Sarah Rathbone, having sold his farm east of the ridge to D. W. Eddy for \$1,800.

WEST CORNWALL.

Mrs. Muzzey has been on the sick list for several days.

Fred Peters was quite sick early in the week and called a physician.

Mrs. G. T. Dimmock was quite sick early in the week but is better now.

Mr. and Mrs. G. D. Barber were visitors at Milo Randall's on Monday.

Dr. A. W. Bingham of New York was here early in the week on a business trip.

Miss Emma MacMurtry was the guest of Miss Gertrude Lowell over Sunday.

Miss S. E. Griswold is ill at her home, "The Poplars." Dr. McKibbin attends her.

Miss Gertrude Lowell played the organ very acceptably last Sunday evening at the meeting held at the Methodist church.

Snow fell nearly all day and night Monday. Tuesday the snow was several inches deep and looked like the beginning of winter.

Earl Peck and family who for the past year have occupied the Trudo house, are soon to move to the Nelson Remly place now owned by Ed Myatt.

Ellery Peck is recovering from an attack of tonsillitis, so serious as to necessitate his return from Bellows Falls where he had secured a position for the summer.

Fred Weston recently sawed each stick of two cords of wood three times in twenty minutes. We give you this item as told us by reliable persons as it was quick work.

M. O. Field has a new clerk, Herbert Treadway. Frank Highter, who has been his clerk thinks of staying at home for the present and will assist his father in the rural delivery work. Frank could have stayed in the store at an advance of salary had he so desired.

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Mrs. J. H. Jacobs of Winoski was a guest of friends this week.

Vern Perkins of Waterbury visited at E. B. Palmer's this week.

C. D. Matthewson returned Monday from several weeks' stay in California.

Miss (Lila) D. Hill gave a party at her home on West street last Friday evening.

Miss Jennie Sherwin visited her aunt, Miss Jennie Grow, in Middlebury this week.

Miss Hattie Gaudet has entered the employ of the Bristol Manufacturing company.

Jefferson Barnard of East Middlebury spent Sunday with his father, Samuel Barnard.

The Young Woman's Missionary society met with Mrs. O. Q. Bicknell Friday afternoon.

Mrs. F. T. Briggs entertained the Kanetota club at his home on Main street Friday evening.

About 45 couples attended the St. Patrick's Day ball in Holley hall last Saturday evening.

Unclaimed letters at Bristol post office for week ending Mar. 19, Madame Louise Curtur, D. A. Bendie.

Mrs. Amos Maxham will lead the Epworth League Sunday evening, topic, Africa, "Daybreak on the Dark Continent."

Mrs. S. P. Perry will lead the Christian Endeavor at the Baptist church Sunday evening, subject, "Bountiful sowing; Our gifts to Christ's Cause."

Rev. Milford W. Smith, Ph. D., of Rutland will deliver his popular lecture under the auspices of the Methodist Sunday school. Watch for the date.

F. H. Palmer entertained the Methodist choir at his home on Maple street Monday evening. Ice cream and cake was served and a social time enjoyed.

Beginning with April 1st the services in the local Protestant churches will begin half an hour later. Young peoples' meetings at 6:30 preaching services at 7:30.

A. J. Eastman bought the laundry building at auction Friday for \$250. The building was recently purchased by the Baptist society of the bankrupt estate of Q. E. Grover.

H. S. Sumner has sold his farm in South Bristol to Mrs. Lillian Sumner.

W. C. Bingham, wife and daughter, and Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Nichols of Morrisville, visited at F. B. Sumner's in South Bristol last week.

Mrs. Genevieve Tower has severed her connection with the Bristol Manufacturing company and will go the first of April to Burlington where she will train for a nurse in Dr. Sam Sparhawk's Sanitarium.

The many friends of Mrs. Eliza Battershall were grieved Saturday on hearing of her death at her home in Troy, N. Y. For a number of years past she has spent her summer here and by her beautiful Christian character endeared herself to all with whom she came in contact. Mrs. Battershall was born in this town 76 years ago and a brother, N. F. Dunshie, and a sister, Mrs. Minerva Warner, of this place survive her. Funeral and interment in Troy, N. Y., beside her husband and daughter.

The following is taken from The Enterprise of White Salmon, Washington, Feb. 20th: "Mr. George E. White was in town so happy that he could hardly contain himself. He was passing cigars right and left. For the past ten years Mr. and Mrs. White have lived happily, no quarrels or misunderstandings have come to mar their peace. They were fairly prosperous and but one thing was wanting to make their happiness complete. No heir or heiress to the White homestead had put in appearance. But on Monday night a little kicking, squalling speck of humanity put in an appearance at the White home and no wonder George was happy. They say that 'one touch of nature makes the whole world kin' and this is a touch of nature that makes us all like Mr. and Mrs. White better for their happiness. There is such a sickening, disgusting sentiment in so many families now-a-days against those little innocent visitors that it is actually refreshing when we hear of one that is really welcome." Mr. White has many friends here who join with the Enterprise in congratulations.

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